

Iowa Valley Tiger Tracks

Education: A Community Partnership

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Student Representatives for the IVCS D Board

We are very excited to have student representation at the IVCS D board this year. It is important to hear student voices, their creative ideas, and viewpoints as we move our district forward and also to allow them to experience “real life” leadership roles.

Shortly after a new board policy was put into place, Code No. 202.5 Student School Board Representatives, I visited with St. Council members to see who might be interested in being student representatives. Eleven students “stepped up to the plate” and are volunteering their time on the school board. To be eligible, students had to be:

- Full-time high school students
- Oriented to the board responsibilities and procedures
- Eligible to participate in discussions but be non-voting members
- Responsible to communicate board decisions to the student body
- Willing to following the Code of Ethics

Sammy Randall volunteered to be a full-time student representative while ten other students volunteered to represent the student body for one month out of the school year. Thanks to the time, effort, ideas, and dedication of these student leaders: Front (L-R): Cecely Dominguez, Abby Goetsch, and Molly McMann and Back (L-R): Andrea Healey, Paige Jergens, Sammy Randall, Taylor Smith, Tristan Stephan, Cecilia Jergens, and Hannah Shade. Missing is Noah Mumby.



Enrollment History at Iowa Valley CSD

The General Fund is the most common fund type and is “student driven,” meaning it relies on certified enrollment figures. Certified enrollment is determined each October of every school year. Our certified enrollment count is up by 5.4 students but we are down 1.0 for students being provided services in our district. Our PK4 numbers are up by 10 students, resident student numbers who attend another public school

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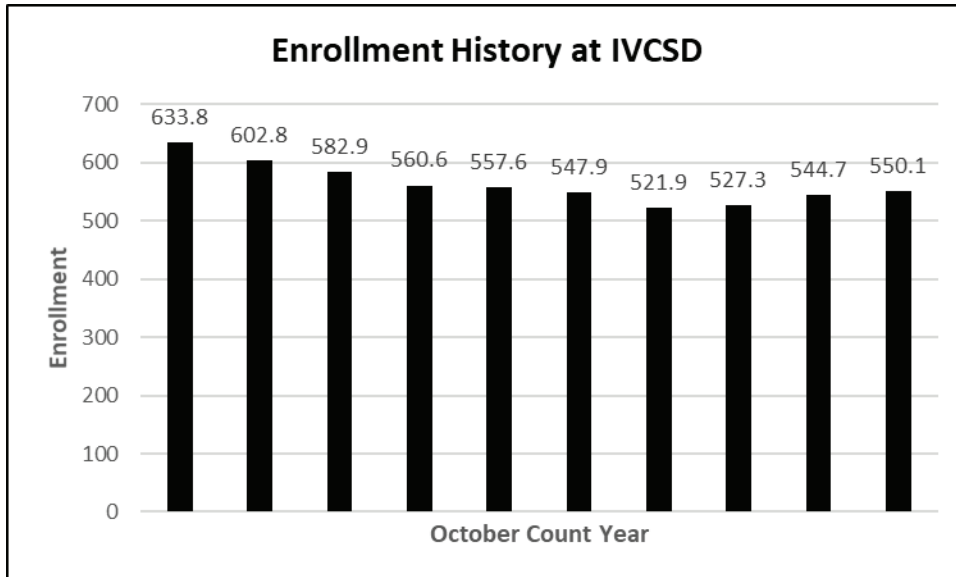
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Special points of interest:

- * Dec. 3 PreK-1st grade concert
- * Dec. 6 2-6 grade concert
- * Dec. 12 1 pm early dismissal
- * Dec. 13 7-12 grade concert
- * Dec. 21 1 pm early dismissal
- * Dec. 24-Jan 1 Winter Break
- * Jan. 2 PD day No School
- * Jan. 3 School Resumes

district are up 2.4 students (down from the previous school year by 15.0 students), and non-resident students who attend our district is down by 4 students.

Found below is a table over the past ten years with certified enrollment figures for our district.



CAKE (Community and Kids in Education) Partners

The Iowa Valley Community School District is fortunate to have a great, collaborative relationship with its community. Goals of our partnership include the following:

- To develop current 21st Century learning skills- literacy in finance, health issues, technology, civic duty, and employability skills
- Expose students to a variety of professions
- Increase motivation to learn
- Connect the “real world” with “real people”

A special thanks to the following CAKE partners:



Staff member(s)	CAKE Partner
Abby Gard	Compass Memorial Hospital- Mary Warwick
Amy Jacobson/Ross Karsten	Grinnell Bank- Kim Nelson
Ashlea Cronbaugh	Dr. Ben Miller
Ashton Linnell	UICMS- Robert Linnell
Bailey Schrock	Coralville Lake Asst. Operations Mgr.- Jonathan Wuebker
Brant Andreassen/Pam Meier	Iowa Co. Conservation- Mary Bulger
Callie Peska	Kinzebaw Earthmoving- Brandon Peska
Cody Snitker/John Bowlin	Goettsch Family Dentistry- Dr. Eva Goettsch
Courtney Weaks/Connie Howar	Blackwall Fitness- Phil Brecht
Curtis McAtee/Greg Jergens	Compass Memorial Hospital- Mary Warwick
Danielle Smith	Rabe Hardware- Jeff Smith
Deb Henry	Marengo Public Library- Jackie Jordan
Erin Anthenat	John's Grocery- Doug Alberhasky
Jackye Bowlin	Marengo City Hall- Karla Marek
Jalene Megchelsen	Linn Co. Court House- Sonia Schminke
JJ Cooper	Construction & Backhoe- Josh Simmons
Jordan Pope	Big G Grocery- Garth and Gary Grafft
Keith Reynolds	Safe Haven of Iowa County
Lauren Ewing	Leanne's School of Dance- Leanne Cronbaugh & Abby Kasper
Marcia Kilgard	Marengo Farm and Home- Lorne Koenig
Martin Wieck/Jeremy Kriegel	Elite Sports- Jared Kleinmeyer and Keystone Savings Bank
Martin Wieck	Keystone Savings Bank- Donna Meier & Adam Krebill
Mindy Driscoll/Dan Sovers	Fireside Winery- Zach and Cassie Bott
Nancy Frank	Grinnell Bank- Kim Nelson
Neal Schwarting	Iowa Hospice- Deanne Schwarting
Pat Kooiker/Susan Zozaya	ISU Ext/Outreach- Lynn Gahring
Ray Cooling	U of Iowa- Matt Elison
Sarah Ritter/Polly Gunzenhauser	Rosehaven Nursing Home- Sharon Fry
Tom Megchelsen	Cornerstone Apothecary- Jennica Yatskis
Tony Shade	Marengo Police Dept.- Galen Moser

3rd Annual "Jingle Around the Square"

Get into the holiday spirit with Marengo's Jingle Around the Square on Friday, December 7, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 PM. Events will include: Santa, mule-drawn carriage rides, music, stocking fillers from participating businesses, *The Grinch*, live nativity scene, and a live "snow globe" with

Leanne's School of Dance participants.



Third Grade is Crazy for Crayfish

In science, the third grade just finished up working on a unit titled *Structures of Life*. Among the many activities in this unit, one of the student's favorite was working with live crayfish. Students were able to observe crayfish structures and their behaviors. Those students brave enough even got to hold the crayfish. Usually, by the end of the two month unit most, if not all of the twelve live crayfish we receive, have died. However, this year we still have four crayfish who are alive and thriving. We've set them up in an aquarium where students can continue to observe them and interact with them. They are even hopeful that two of them will mate so that they can experience the thrill involved with seeing the mother carry her babies under her tail and

watching the babies grow into adult crayfish. Another crayfish behavior students are hoping to observe is molting. Periodically, crayfish have to shed their hard, outer shell in order for them to grow. Hopefully, before the school year is over, students will be able to observe one if not both of these phenomenon.

Mr. Tony Shade
Third Grade Teacher

Annual Notifications

The Iowa Valley Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following areas of study:

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Applies Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Manufacturing
- Business, Finance, Marketing, and Management
- Human Resources

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